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April 3, 1959

Mr. Harold P. Rhodes
President
Bradley University
Peoria, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

I deeply appreciate your letter of March 17, with regard to the Bradley University Commencement Convocation next May 31st. I am honored that you thought of me in connection with a degree.

It is with very sincere regret that I have to tell you that I cannot arrange my plans so as to be at the University at the time indicated. Unfortunately, I have certain complicated commitments over the week end in question, which make it impossible for me to accept this kind invitation.

With many thanks for your thoughtfulness, I remain

Sincerely,

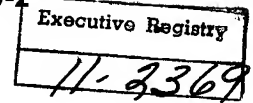
Allen W. Dulles
Director

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BRADLEY UNIVERSITY
PEORIA, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

March 17, 1959

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Faculty and Board of Trustees of Bradley University would greatly appreciate the privilege of conferring upon you an honorary doctor's degree at our Commencement Convocation on Sunday, May 31.

In recent years, it has been our pleasure to confer Bradley's highest honor upon such outstanding Americans as Charles F. Kettering, Neil McElroy, Richard M. Nixon, and Adlai Stevenson. We believe that you are equally deserving of such recognition because of your outstanding contributions to our security and way of life.

In addition, the Bradley National Alumni Association has requested me to invite you to be the speaker at their annual banquet on Saturday evening, May 30, in the Bradley University Field House. The subject of the 20 to 30 minute talk would be left entirely up to you.

We recognize that it is difficult for you to leave the nation's capitol for an extended period. Your presence would be required here only from 6 p.m. Saturday evening, May 30, through 10 p.m. Sunday, May 31. We could make arrangements both on campus and at the Hotel Pere Marquette in Peoria for you to be reached at any moment. We would, of course, provide an honorarium which would more than cover your travel expense.

On behalf of the Students, Alumni, Faculty, and Board of Trustees of Bradley University, we sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to accept either or both of these invitations.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Harold P. Rodes". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Harold P. Rodes
President

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Bradley University was established in 1897. It is coeducational. It has 2888 students and 157 teachers.

As all readers of sports pages know, every year it has one of the Nation's best basketball teams.

It gives to Peoria, Illinois, a good academic atmosphere which overcomes, in part in some minds, the linking of Peoria with whiskey and crime; it is a great distilling town.

I would think that this recognition by an accredited university like Bradley would be acceptable to the Director. Should the Director accept, the letter should state, as always, that he will not accept an honorarium to cover his expenses.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Director accept this honor and that he deliver the principal address at the Bradley National Alumni Association banquet on Saturday evening, May 30, 1959.

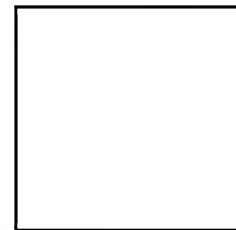
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STANLEY J. GROGAN
Assistant to the Director

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Attached is a recent newspaper article on
Bradley's Basketball Team.

A check of your calendar reveals that you
do not have anything scheduled for 30-31 May.



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Bradley and St. John's Move Into NIT Finals

NEW YORK, March 20 (UPI)—Bradley and St. John's, old hands at winning tourneys, are set for a showdown re-match in the final round of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament now that the "Cinderella" teams have been sent packing with their pumpkins, glass slippers and hook shots.

And the title in tomorrow's nationally televised (Channel 4 in D. C., 4 p. m.) battle hinges on one question—can Bradley repeat its 71-66 regular season win over the New York Redmen?

Top-seeded Bradley, anxious for its second NIT crown in three years, reached the finals as expected with a 59-57 thriller over New York U. last night on Mike Owens' late lay-up basket.

And St. John's, seeking to become the first team to win the NIT three times, advanced with a 76-55 romp over a Providence College team that had become the tourney's "first-rounder."

NYU's last effort against Bradley was thwarted last night by some slick strategy masterminded by coach Chuck Orsborn. After Owens' driving lay-up thru a hole in the Violet defense put Bradley ahead, 59-55, Cal Ramsey hit a jump shot for the Violets with one minute left. And NYU got a chance to tie when it gained possession with 33 seconds left.

"We planned to give the ball to Russ Cunningham for him to drive for a shot against Owens, who had four personal fouls against him," disclosed NYU coach Lou Rossini. "But Bradley surprised us by going into a zone defense and we never did maneuver for a good shot."

Owens led Bradley with 16 points while Cunningham had 18 for NYU.

Providence's tricky zone defense collapsed under the

pressure of St. John's accuracy (49.1 per cent in three tourney games), this time after 20-20 and 22-22 ties midway in the first half.

Hulking Louie Roethel, whom the Friars could not contain under the boards, led the Redmen with 22 points and soph whiz Tony Jackson added 20. Len Wilkens had 17 for Providence but the Friars' ace soph, John Egan, was held to six by Alan Seiden's close guarding.

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